

# ***VIRGIN ISLANDS DISTRICT COURT***

## ***JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE***

### ***CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY CLERK'S OFFICE***

A. Name \_\_\_\_\_

B. Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

C. Residence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

D. Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Home)

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Work)


E. (a) Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Are you a Federal Employee? Yes ( ) No ( )

(c) Have you lost your civil rights because of a criminal conviction?  
Yes ( ) No ( )

(d) If yes, please provide detail:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

 **PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION:** The Federal Judiciary is required by section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code to file an information return (Form 1099) with the Internal Revenue Service containing the Social Security Number of a juror who receives Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) or more in jury attendance fees during a calendar year. The District Court must obtain your Social Security Number in the event it becomes necessary to file an information return for your jury attendance fees. Your Social Security number will be discussed by the court only when required by law.

# ***DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS***

## ***JUROR QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE***

### ***SECTION TWO: QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION***

The United States Code defines certain exemptions from jury service. If **YOU** fall within an exemption category listed below, and you wish to claim an exemption, please check the box corresponding to the appropriate exemption.

- ☐ Active member in the Armed Forces of the United States;
- ☐ Active member of the fire and police departments in the territory; and
- ☐ Public officer in the executive, legislative or judicial branches of the Government of the United States or the Government of the Virgin Islands.

The Court also considers certain excuses involving undue hardship caused by jury services. If you wish to offer an excuse which the Court may grant, indicate by checking the appropriate block(s) below.

- ☐ Attorney at law;
- ☐ Minister of the gospel and priests of any religious denomination;
- ☐ Practicing physician, dentist and registered nurse;
- ☐ Person over seventy (70) years of age
- ☐ Person who have legal custody of a child or children under the age of 10 years
- ☐ Person who have served as a juror within the preceding two (2) years;
- ☐ School teacher in active service in public, parochial or private schools; and
- ☐ Sole proprietor of a business.

### ***SECTION TWO: QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION***

The questions below can be asked by attorneys to assess whether a juror's service on a jury panel is in their client's interests. Answering these questions here will afford you more privacy. Refusal to answer, here or in the Court, may subject you to action for contempt of Court.

1. Name (***Please Print***): \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Are you a U.S. Citizen ( ) YES ( ) NO
2. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ 3. Age: \_\_\_\_ 4. Sex ( ) M ( ) F  
MM DD YY
5. Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Employer: \_\_\_\_\_
7. If you are retired:
  - a. Your former occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. How long have you been retired: \_\_\_\_\_
8. a. Marital status: (***Check One***) ( ) Single ( ) Married  
( ) Divorced ( ) Widowed
  - b. Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Spouse's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Spouse's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Ages of children living at home: \_\_\_\_\_
10. a. Can you speak English? ( ) YES ( ) NO
  - b. Can you read English? ( ) YES ( ) NO

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11. Do you have any problems with either your hearing or eyesight that would affect your ability to hear or see the evidence presented at trial?      ( ) YES      ( ) NO

If "YES", explain briefly: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. a. Are you presently taking any medication?      ( ) YES      ( ) NO

If "YES", explain briefly: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- b. Do you have any physical, mental, emotional condition or other impairment which would make it a hardship for you to sit on the jury?

( ) YES      ( ) NO

If "YES", explain briefly: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. a. Check the number of years of schooling completed:

( ) 1-6      ( ) 7-9      ( ) 10-12      ( ) 13-16      ( ) Above

- b. Have you ever studied law?      ( ) YES      ( ) NO

- c. Have you ever studied medicine?      ( ) YES      ( ) NO

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14. a. Have you ever been a juror in a **criminal case** where the jury reached a verdict?  
( ) YES ( ) NO If "YES", how many? \_\_\_\_\_ (Number of cases)
- b. Where? ( ) District Court ( ) Territorial Court  
( ) Outside the Virgin Islands
- c. What year(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Did your jury find the defendant: (*Last three cases only*)
1. ( ) Guilty ( ) Not Guilty ( ) Unable to agree
2. ( ) Guilty ( ) Not Guilty ( ) Unable to agree
3. ( ) Guilty ( ) Not Guilty ( ) Unable to agree
15. a. Have you ever been a juror in a **civil case** where the jury reached a verdict?  
( ) YES ( ) NO If "YES", how many? \_\_\_\_\_ (Number of cases)
- b. Where? ( ) District Court ( ) Territorial Court  
( ) Outside the Virgin Islands
- c. What year(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Did your jury find for the: (*Last three cases only*)
1. ( ) Plaintiff ( ) Defendant
2. ( ) Plaintiff ( ) Defendant
3. ( ) Plaintiff ( ) Defendant

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16. a. Have you or any member of your immediate family or any of your close personal friends ever served as law enforcement officers? ( ) YES ( ) NO

If "YES", please describe relationship(s) and job(s):

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17. a. Have you or any close relative ever had a claim filed against another person or company for damages, or any other reason? ( ) YES ( ) NO

b. If a relative, describe relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Was any case filed in court? ( ) YES ( ) NO ( ) N/A

d. Did it go to trial? ( ) YES ( ) NO ( ) N/A

e. Were you satisfied with the outcome? ( ) YES ( ) NO ( ) N/A

18. a. Have you or any close relative had a claim filed against you for damages or any other reasons? ( ) YES ( ) NO

b. If a relative, describe relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Was any case filed in court? ( ) YES ( ) NO ( ) N/A

d. Did it go to trial? ( ) YES ( ) NO ( ) N/A

e. Were you satisfied with the outcome? ( ) YES ( ) NO ( ) N/A

## ***SECTION TWO: QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION***

19. Would claims made by you or your family or claims made against you or your family cause you to favor one side or the other in another civil case?  
( ) YES ( ) NO

20. a. Have you or any close relative ever suffered personal injuries as a result of an accident? ( ) YES ( ) NO

b. If a relative, describe relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Would those injuries to you or your family cause you to favor one side or the other in another civil case? ( ) YES ( ) NO

21. a. Have you or your family ever participated as a plaintiff or defendant in a civil case which went to trial? ( ) YES ( ) NO

If "YES", please describe

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- b. If you answered "YES", would this cause you to favor one side or the other in another civil case? ( ) YES ( ) NO

## ***SECTION TWO: QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION***

22. a. Have you or your family ever been the victim of a crime or participated in a criminal case as a complainant witness for the government, or in some other capacity?  
( ) YES ( ) NO

If "YES", please describe

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- b. Would the fact that you or a relative were a victim of a crime or participated in a criminal case cause you to favor one side or the other in another criminal case?  
( ) YES ( ) NO

23. a. Have you or your family ever participated in a criminal case as a defendant, witness for the defense, or in some other capacity? ( ) YES ( ) NO

If "YES", please describe

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- b. Would the fact that you or a relative were a defendant or witness for the defense in a criminal case cause you to favor one side or the other in another criminal case?  
( ) YES ( ) NO

24. Would you tend to believe the testimony of a police officer or other law enforcement officer more than someone who is not in law enforcement? ( ) YES ( ) NO

25. Would you tend to disbelieve the testimony of a witness just because he or she is in law enforcement? ( ) YES ( ) NO

## ***SECTION TWO: QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION***

26. Is there any reason that you believe would disqualify you from being a fair and impartial juror in a **criminal** case? ( ) YES ( ) NO

If "YES", explain briefly: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

27. Is there any reason that you believe would disqualify you from being a fair and impartial juror in a **civil** case? ( ) YES ( ) NO

If "YES", explain briefly: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

28. Are you a citizen of the United States of America?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

29. Have you lived in the U.S. Virgin Islands for the past year?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

30. Are any charges presently pending against you for a violation of state, federal or territorial law punishable by imprisonment for more than one year?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION TWO: QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION

31. Have you ever been convicted, either by your guilty or *nolo contendere* (no contest) plea, or by a Court or jury trial of any state, federal or territorial crime for which punishment could have been more than one year in prison?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

32. If "YES" to Question #31, were your civil rights restored?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**(If you answered "YES" to either Questions 30 or 31, please show on the reverse of this form (a) *the date of the offense*, (b) *date of the conviction* (or date of pending charge), (c) *sentence imposed* (if a conviction) and (d) *the name of the Court*. If your answer to Question 32 is "YES", please explain and give evidence on the reverse of this form whether or not your civil rights have been restored, or by attaching copies of appropriate documentation. One is disqualified from jury service only for criminal offenses punishable by imprisonment for more than one year. It is the maximum penalty, and not the actual sentence which determines this factor).**

## SECTION TWO: QUALIFICATION AND SELECTION

33. a. Race

*To assist in ensuring that all people are represented in juries, please indicate which of the following applies to you. Nothing disclosed will affect your selection for jury duty.*

Federal law requires you as a prospective juror to indicate your race. This answer is required solely to avoid discrimination in juror selection and has absolutely no bearing on qualifications for jury service. By answering this question, you will help the federal court to check and observe the juror selection process so that discrimination cannot occur. In this way, the federal court can fulfill the policy of the United States which is to provide jurors who are randomly selected from a fair cross section of the community.

*Black or African American* \_\_\_\_\_

*White* \_\_\_\_\_

*American Indian or Alaska Native* \_\_\_\_\_

*Asian* \_\_\_\_\_

*Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander* \_\_\_\_\_

*Other (Please Specify)* \_\_\_\_\_

b. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

( ) YES

( ) NO

34. Are you an employee of the U.S. Federal Government?

( ) YES

( ) NO

35. Are you an employee of the Virgin Islands Government?

( ) YES

( ) NO

I CERTIFY THAT ALL ANSWERS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE)

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(CHECK ONE)

**DISQUALIFIED ( ) EXEMPT ( ) EXCUSED ( ) EXCLUDED ( ) QUALIFIED ( )**